

Marshfield Energy and Climate Change Committee
Minutes of 5/4/15 Meeting

Attending: Dan Chodorkoff, Bob Atchinson, Ed Hutchinson, Anne Miller, John Morris, Wes Cate, Rich Phillips, Joel Trupin

Convene: 7:10 PM

Adjourn: 8:35 PM

Agenda:

- Public comment
- Revisions to agenda
- Approval of 4/6/15 minutes
- Twinfield solar and assistance
- Climate Change brainstorm
- Depot Hill solar?
- Carbon tax bill summary (H412)
- Renewable energy bill summary (H40)
- Plainfield solar and other projects
- Weatherization ----- landlord contacts
- Agree in draft minutes
- Develop preliminary agenda for June 1, 2015 meeting

Business:

- no public comment
- no revisions to agenda
- approved 4/6/15 minutes
- Rich updated on Twinfield. In spite of various efforts to get a meeting to move further on solar over the last couple of months, no meeting has been arranged. The latest possibility is on May 6th or 7th. Also, Rich has not been included in any of the planning for additional energy reduction efforts, such as the boiler room evaluation or the current equipment improvements being completed with Efficiency Vermont.

It was decided to stop pursuing assistance to Twinfield. If they are interested, they can request assistance. Rich will brief new Marshfield school board member Jack Hoffman to see if he could be a champion on the Board. Joel would like to discuss the Twinfield situation more and present his approach. We will do that at next meeting
- Rich ran out of steam on the climate change brainstorm he suggested with the four town committees. He questions the value with so much focus on CC now. It was decided to put it off until September, restarting the planning in July.
- Lawrence was not at the meeting, so we did not discuss the possible Depot Hill group solar Lawrence mentioned at the April meeting.
- Rich did not develop the review Carbon Pollution Tax Bill.
- Rich did not develop the review of the Renewable Energy Bill.
- Bob explained the solar project work and timeline. They are still looking at two sites; one at the Park and Ride and one behind the old schoolhouse. Bob needs to get the cost and pros and cons to the Selectboard by Friday and there will be a public meeting on the project at the Selectboard's meeting on Monday the 11th. They expect to set the funding vote on Monday with a 30 day notice. Plainfield needs to complete the project by mid August as required to receive the state set aside. This puts considerable pressure on the schedule although they may be able to get a small extension, particularly after the public funding vote.
- There has been no activity on contacting landlords re: weatherization.
- Agreed on draft minutes for this meeting
- Preliminary Agenda Items for 6/1/15
 - Revisit Twinfield Decision
 - Updates
 - Separate Solar and Weatherization Subcommittee meetings during regular monthly meeting